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Letter dated 20 December 2018 from the Permanent Representative of Kuwait to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

I transmit to you herewith resolution 8338 of the Council of the League of Arab States entitled "Violations by certain States of the legal status of the Holy City of Jerusalem", adopted at the extraordinary session of the Council of the League of Arab States at the level of Permanent Representatives on 18 December 2018 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 39, and of the Security Council.

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Annex to the letter dated 20 December 2018 from the Permanent Representative of Kuwait to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Secretariat of the League of Arab States
Secretariat of Council Affairs

Violations by certain States of the legal status of the Holy City of Jerusalem

The Council of the League of Arab States, meeting in an extraordinary session at the level of Permanent Representatives on 18 December 2018 at the headquarters of the League Secretariat in Cairo, chaired by Sudan, and convened at the request of the State of Palestine and with the support of member States,

Having considered the note of the Secretariat,

Having consulted on the declared and potential violations by certain States of the legal status of the Holy City of Jerusalem, in contravention of international law and the relevant internationally recognized resolutions, in particular, Security Council resolutions 476 (1980) and 478 (1980), and General Assembly resolution ES-10/19 adopted in 2017, which affirms that any decisions and actions which purport to have altered the character, status or demographic composition of the Holy City of Jerusalem have no legal effect and are null and void, and calls upon all States to refrain from the establishment of diplomatic missions in the Holy City of Jerusalem, pursuant to Council resolution 478 (1980); and which stresses that Jerusalem is a final status issue,

Reaffirming all its previous resolutions at the summit level, at the ministerial level and at the level of Permanent Representatives concerning the occupied city of Jerusalem and Israeli violations of the rights of the Palestinian people,

Decides

1. To call upon Brazilian President-elect Jair Bolsonaro to refrain from taking any position that undermines the legal status of the Holy City of Jerusalem, so as to preserve the bonds of friendship and relations with Arab countries and to uphold the historic Brazilian commitment to international law and support for the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people;

2. To condemn and reject the decision by the Australian Government concerning the Holy City of Jerusalem, a decision that demonstrates bias in favour of the Israeli occupation and that is contrary to international law and the relevant internationally recognized resolutions concerning the legal status of the Holy City of Jerusalem; and to demand that the Australian Government rescind its decision and refrain from taking any illegal steps in this regard;

3. To support action taken by the State of Palestine in the International Court of Justice against any State that violates international agreements in a manner that affects the legal status of Jerusalem;

4. To emphasize the resolve of member States to respond to any decisions that might undermine the legal status of the Holy City of Jerusalem and to take appropriate political, diplomatic and economic measures in response to such illegal steps;

5. To send urgent bilateral messages at the highest levels to the President-elect of Brazil and the Australian Government, urging them to abide by international

law and internationally recognized resolutions concerning the legal status of the Holy City of Jerusalem;

6. To inform the Ambassadors of Brazil and Australia to member States of the Arab stance opposing any decision that violates the established legal and historical status of Jerusalem;

7. To dispatch a high-level intergovernmental group composed of representatives of member States and Secretariat officials, to be formed by the Secretariat in coordination with member States, to meet with Brazilian and Australian officials and inform them of the League's message in that regard;

8. To follow up on the integrated plan of action to respond to the decision by the United States or any other State to recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel or to transfer their embassies to the city;

9. To call on the Arab Parliament to take immediate action to achieve the objectives of the present resolution;

10. To request the Group of Arab States in New York to convene meetings with representatives of the relevant regional groups in order to urge States not to take unilateral measures that violate international law and internationally recognized resolutions concerning the status of the Holy City of Jerusalem;

11. To request the Councils of Arab Ambassadors in Brazil and Australia to continue their advocacy in the Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Parliaments and political parties of each country, in order to convey the League's message in that regard;

12. To coordinate with the Organization of Islamic Cooperation and regional and international organizations and groups on the objectives of the present resolution;

13. To request the Secretary-General to work towards implementing the present resolution and submit a report on the matter to the Council at its next session.

(Resolution 8338 – extraordinary session – 18 December 2018)